

PEPPERY CULPEPER

Supports One of the Warmest Factional Fights.

A PROSPEROUS COUNTY

Number of Small Farms Greater than in Neighboring Counties—Tillage and Pasturage Make Its Wealth. Sturdy Middle Class.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
CULPEPER, VA., July 6.—Culpeper might very appropriately be termed the county of fair women, fine horses, fat cattle and political factions. The people are proud of the first two; sometimes I think they are secretly proud of their ability to maintain for years the warmest factional political contest in Virginia, with Shenandoah and Norfolk counties possibly excepted. It is that people regard their factions as legitimate subject for jokes, and in the past two or three days I have heard a number of good ones made at the expense of the contestants on each side impartially.

This article is not going into the details of the internecine war in Culpeper. Prudence and one or two other considerations forbid. The man who takes a hand in a family row generally reports in a hospital. Some of these days some really smooth county politician is going to rise up and settle all political differences. However much he may do for the general cause of the peace of the world, he will have deprived Culpeper people of a chief source of enjoyment.

There are more politicians in Culpeper than in any county I have visited in the past two months. By politicians I mean men who love to talk politics to public men and settle with them in conversation.

One of the first men I met here was Mr. G. S. P. Triplett, of this county, member of the Democratic State Committee. After a few minutes' conversation, he vouchsafed the information that this county was overwhelmingly for Mr. Montague for the nomination to the governorship two years ago. Senator Martin could carry it for the senatorial nomination against Governor Montague, or anybody else. I casually repeated this dictum to the next man I met. He accepted it with the amendment that there was not a man in Virginia who could get as many votes in the senatorial primary in Culpeper as Mr. Montague. I found the best, and an absolutely sure, way to start a political discussion was to quote one opinion or the other. I quoted to a group, I always had a discussion before the not a word was uttered.

Without pretending to affirm either opinion, I think it generally admitted that Senator Martin is much stronger in this county than he ever was before. A very prominent member of the party, Mr. Montague Senator Martin would carry a majority of the counties of the Eighth District. After having visited quite recently every county of the district, I am inclined to think that the Governor would carry the Eighth.

The Culpeper people are just now warming up in one of the prettiest local fights seen in any county in a long time. It is the fight of the Democratic primary in the county, and the issue is a very simple one. But Mr. Bywaters has a very wide circle of friends, many of them influential men, who are helping him to give Mr. Smith a very warm race. Mr. Bywaters has for his agent, a temporary one, Mr. A. J. Bywaters, and he has made himself very popular with shippers, who constitute a large class in Culpeper county. He is a great fox-hunter, and his pack of hounds is said to be the finest in this country. He is a fearless rider, and at the Horse Show last week, when he appeared in the ring on his hunter in the jumping contests, his popularity was attested by tremendous applause.

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There are no really warm contests for other county offices, but the canvass for the nomination to the House of Delegates to succeed Colonel S. M. News, who declines to run again, is progressing towards a comfortable or prosperous close. Mr. News is a candidate, and so is Mr. D. A. Slaughter. Mr. Bell is a son of John W. Bell, who was for twenty-four years the judge of the Culpeper County Court. He resided in the county for some years and was a Cleveland elector at large in that State in 1882. He is a hustler, but I observed that in his hustling among the voters at the Horse Show last week he was generally met by a crowd of admirers. The latter is a widely-known young man in Culpeper and commands a strong following.

I could not learn that anybody is claiming representation as he is being elected to the county. Mr. Bywaters, though a Culpeper man, seems to have held aloof in the factional fights, and there is no doubt that the people of his county will continue to support him for Congress for an indefinite period.

It is not improbable that the name of Hon. John F. Ryan, of Loudoun, Speaker of the House of Delegates, will some day be presented by the Eighth District as that of a man suited for the position of Governor of Virginia. I heard something of this a year ago or more, and since knocking about over the Eighth District during the past month, have heard it a great deal. He was here in attendance on the Horse Show last week, and was always surrounded by a crowd of admirers. He appears to be as well known and as popular in Culpeper as he is down on his native heath in Loudoun. Nobody will deny that it is hard to find a more genial, companionable and at the same time a more conservative and clear-headed man than this same John Ryan, who has for so many years wielded the gavel over the Virginia House of Delegates. But he is not now a candidate for anything, save for re-nomination to his seat in the House—a foregone conclusion.

I have done more than talk of politics since being in Culpeper. I have talked business with the people who are in it from the front here, and I have learned several facts which are rather remarkable. I suppose there is not in Virginia a more thoroughly "country town" than Culpeper. By that term I mean a town entirely dependent upon the surrounding agricultural country for support. There is not a factory of any kind in the town, nor is there a wholesale house. There are a number of stores of various kinds, and all appeared to be doing well.

In the good old days the sexton announced a death in the community by a stroke on the church bell for every death of the life that was gone. People expected, then, to live to old age, and speculation at the first tap of the bell took a narrow range including only those who had lived the allotted time. There is no reason why people should not have the same expectancy of age to-day, except for the neglect and abuse of the one organ on which all the other organs depend—the stomach. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery enables men and women to be strong and healthy by curing diseases of the stomach (and other organs of digestion and nutrition), which prevent the proper nourishment of the body.

It had been sick for two years with indigestion, and had taken medicine from my family doctor, but without much benefit. I was induced by a friend to take 'Golden Medical Discovery' and, to my great surprise, after taking six bottles I was cured.

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There are three banks in this little town of two thousand people, and I was assured that the condition of each was excellent.

Postmaster Whitestone informed me that the receipts of his office for the last quarter were three hundred dollars in excess of those for the corresponding quarter of last year. A sober indication of prosperity could hardly be asked.

Culpeper has an excellent water system, but is in sad need of electric lighting. The shipments of grain and fat cattle from the thousand bluegrass fields of the surrounding country are very large every year. I believe it was Xenophon who said that "Tillage and husbandry are the two nursing breasts of the State." The words are brought forcibly to mind as one rides through these Culpeper farms, where fat cattle graze on a thousand hills that are covered from foot to summit with the dense bluegrass that makes beef beef beloved by the owners of the continent; great fields of newly harvested wheat, and fields of corn, growing luxuriantly in the fervid sun, and watered by the frequent showers of the present summer.

Probably there is not a more solidly prosperous county in Virginia than Culpeper. By that I mean general wealth generally distributed. There are many small farms in the county. The result is that while the number of very large landholders is not so great as in nearby counties, the number of people who own their own farms is considerably greater. And the gulf between the great landholder and the tenant, or farm laborer, disappears, and in its stead there is that sturdy middle class of neither rich nor poor, which has always been the mainstay of America.

WALTER EDWARD HARRIS, JUMPED HIS BAIL.

Justice Thought Charge Against Negro Was Petit Larceny.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 6.—The Dutch battleship De Ruyter, sailed today for St. Thomas, where she will meet a tugboat from Newport News and will receive further orders regarding her movements. The vessel exchanged salutes with the flag ship of the flying squadron as she passed the Chesapeake Roads.

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AFTERMATH OF FOURTH

The Day Celebrated in Grand Style at Pulaski.

POCAHONTAS IS PATRIOTIC

Flags Were Raised Over Schoolhouses at Alberene and at Disputanta, and Eloquent Speeches and Good Cheer Prevailed—Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PULASKI, VA., July 6.—Pulaski celebrated the Glorious Fourth in grand style by a large trades parade and other attractions.

In the voting contest for queen of the celebration Miss Resdie Duane received 718 votes, which gave her a majority of 465 over the next highest contestant. Just after the parade Mr. C. P. Macgill made a very appropriate speech, crowning Miss Duane queen, and right gracefully did she preside.

The procession started at the Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock, and marched through the principal streets of the town, and disbanded on the ball ground, where the other exercises of the day were to take place. The procession lined up as follows:

Artillery company; queen in carriage; carriages containing thirteen girls, representing the thirteen original colonies; Tyler Rifles, carrying containing Mayor and chief of police; wagon containing the "Zozo" band; thirty floats, representing the business firms of the town, and citizens in carriages. After the parade reached the ball ground a recess of one hour was given for dinner.

DAYS PROGRAMME.

After dinner the following programme was rendered: Catching greasy pig; ladies' driving contest, in which Miss Maggie Martin won the premium offered by D. Rankin & Co. of Lynchburg; and Miss Resdie Duane won the second prize; pig eating contest; exhibit of trained horse; mile race; hurdle jumping; ladies' riding contest, in which Miss Duane carried off the premium offered by W. Ring for best rider, and Miss Maggie Martin second premium, offered by J. W. Bones; this was followed by two ball games, which wound up the exercises.

A great deal of credit is due to the business men who participated in the parade, and the floats they got up reflect great credit on the town.

The marshals of the day were D. W. Ring and J. W. Bones, C. L. Tenney, J. W. Ring and W. F. T. Embury, L. J. Graves, D. J. Butler, Prof. S. W. Somerville and Dr. J. M. Wallace. The association changed the date of the annual meeting from July 14 to April 15th, Jefferson's birthday, and W. R. D. Taylor and C. Mason Smith were elected to the alumnal scholarship. Three new members were elected: Prof. Thomas Fitzhugh, professor of Latin of the University of Virginia, addressed the association on the work of the University, and a (thanks was tendered him. At the conclusion of the session of the body the members repaired to the Exchange Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served.

Dr. S. L. Scott, of this city, has been awarded the purple seal of the United States of New York for his attainments, and he also won the cash prize of \$500 offered by the New York Homoeopathic College for original research. Dr. Scott, having passed first in the examination recently held in Washington by the naval examining board.

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comment. The house is a very creditable one. It is neatly furnished in native wood and accommodates about 200 pupils.

In Pocahontas.

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POCAHONTAS, VA., July 6.—Perhaps the greatest celebration Pocahontas has had for years took place to-day. The features of the day were the music furnished by the Red Men's Band, of Roanoke, the vaudeville show by the Italf Comedy Company, the high wire act by Professor Donaldson, all kinds of races and scrambles.

The speaking was on the broad veranda Street, Mayor J. M. Newton delivered an address of welcome, and introduced Colonel James S. Browning, who was one of the speakers, followed by Hon. Joseph C. Wyser, of Pulaski.

Mr. Wyser made a strong, forcible address, very appropriate, eloquent and patriotic, and made a most favorable impression.

ARM BADLY CRUSHED

Man Falls Between Train and Station Platform—Accident to Teamster.

(By Associated Press.)
WINCHESTER, VA., July 6.—Henry Chapman, who claimed to be a resident of Jefferson county, attempted to jump from a moving freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Saturday. He was thrown between the track and the station platform, and his arm badly crushed. The man would have been killed had not William Totty, an ex-convict, pulled him from the perilous position.

Ziever Rogers, a county teamster of Gainsboro, was run over by a heavily loaded wagon last week. Two ribs were broken, and it is feared that he is injured internally.

The Winchester Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. Dr. Charles Gholson as pastor of the church at Reeling, Va. Rev. Dr. George W. White, also resigned as pastor of the church at Moorefield, and was elected pastor of the church at Reeling.

Rev. J. P. Essex, of the Letchworth Baptist Church, in Jefferson county, has announced that he will not accept the invitation to accept the pastorate of the Letchworth Baptist Church, near Roanoke.

Was Sent to Jail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., July 6.—In the Police Court today, Mike McLaughlin was placed on trial charged with assaulting Miss Zaidie Overstreet last week. It was shown that he was weak on the stand, but he made no attempt to criminally assault the girl. He was fined \$20 and sent to jail for two months.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ELECT OFFICERS

Dr. Scott Awarded the Purple Seal—Weems Line Steamers to Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 6.—The Association of the Alumni of the University of Virginia, this city, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. M. Wallace, president; Judge J. E. Mason, vice-president; B. F. Willis, secretary and treasurer; executive committee, Judge J. E. Mason, L. J. Graves, D. J. Butler, Prof. S. W. Somerville and Dr. J. M. Wallace. The association changed the date of the annual meeting from July 14 to April 15th, Jefferson's birthday, and W. R. D. Taylor and C. Mason Smith were elected to the alumnal scholarship. Three new members were elected: Prof. Thomas Fitzhugh, professor of Latin of the University of Virginia, addressed the association on the work of the University, and a (thanks was tendered him. At the conclusion of the session of the body the members repaired to the Exchange Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served.

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CROWDED CARS COLLIDE

No One Was Injured, though Front of Both Cars Were Badly Battered.

Funeral of Mr. Minter—Court in Alexandria.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., July 6.—Miss Kate Ritter won a verdict of \$1500 in a suit against the city this afternoon. She turned her ankle on a loose brick in Chapel at Wide Street and sued the city for the damage. The suit was in the Circuit Court. It is an unusually large amount for such an injury.

Walter Midgett (colored) was held for the grand jury by Police Justice Taylor Saturday on the charge of stealing two rings, valued at \$50, from Mrs. H. R. Leonard, of Hamilton Avenue. Midgett had been employed by the house to move some furniture and the rings disappeared at the same time he did. He was captured after an exciting chase, and one of the rings has been found along the route of his pursuit. The other has not been found.

CHARLES E. MINTER BURIED.

The funeral of the late Mr. Charles E. Minter, whose death occurred in his home Friday afternoon from the effects of prostration by heat, took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. Delegations of members of Elizabeth Lodge, No. 31, A. O. U. M. and of Atlantic Lodge, No. 51, I. O. O. F., in which organizations Mr. Minter was a member, were in attendance.

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NO CHANGE IN PETERSBURG

Both Sides Firm, but More People Are Riding.

TO HOLD A JUBILEE

High-Street Church Will Celebrate the Payment of its Debt—Crap Players Raided on the Sabbath.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., July 6.—The strikers and the street railway company are holding out firm. Cars continue to run on former schedules day and night, and the people generally are beginning to ride.

This is briefly about the situation of the street car strike in Petersburg. The superintendent reports that travel during the day is normal, but that the travel at night is not as heavy as it was before the strike began. Many persons who have been holding out because of sympathy with the strikers began riding Saturday and yesterday. Whatever the result may be, no disturbance of any kind is expected.

Cars run till the usual hour at night, and are held, if necessary, to meet all excursion parties or other pleasure-seekers who are away from the city till late at night.

TO HOLD JUBILEE SERVICES.

Interesting services will be held in the auditorium of High-Street Church next Wednesday evening, being a jubilee service, celebrating the wiping out of the debt of about \$15,000 contracted on account of the recent improvement to the building. Rev. Dr. W. W. Lear, of Richmond, and Rev. E. T. Damm, of Norfolk, former pastors, will deliver addresses.

The regular collections for the poor were taken at the Methodist church yesterday. At High-Street Church Rev. George E. Booker asked for a liberal contribution, saying that the collection was not only for the benefit of the poor of the church, but for the benefit of the poor outside as well. Mr. Booker said he never saw so much suffering. Hardly a week passes that he does not have calls to visit people in distress.

RAID CRAP PLAYERS.

Justice Lewis and police officers of Ettrick yesterday raided a crowd of nearly twenty negroes shooting crap on Hastings' farm, just across the river. Ten of them were arrested, but the rest escaped. Each of those taken in chains was fined \$5.00 by Justice Lewis this morning.

An excursion for the benefit of Market-Street Church will be run to Virginia Beach and Cape Henry Wednesday by Mr. W. M. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has been conducting these excursions for the past six Wednesday bids fair to exceed that of any previous excursion. The usual excursion rates prevail, and in addition for the usual trip. Mr. Lewis has arranged for a party who desire to do so to go for a party. Henry without additional cost to all.

Dr. Osborne to-day qualified as administrator on the estate of his father, the late Captain Robert C. Osborne. There was no will.

Next Thursday evening Tippecanoe Tribe, No. 2, Independent Order of Red Men, will have public installation of officers at their wigwam on Bank Street. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

The roof of the large warehouse at City Point was blown off during the storm Saturday afternoon and a part of the home of Mr. Eugene Marks, near Garysville, was torn away by the wind.

WRAPPED IN A BLANKET AND HER LIFE SAVED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., July 6.—Mr. James Gearing has learned of the loss by fire of a \$2500 house owned by him in Shenandoah county. It was destroyed by fire. His brother-in-law, George C. Pultine, who resided there, and Miss Katie Pultine would have burned to death had not her brother wrapped a wet blanket about her when her dress caught fire. She was painfully burned. Perry Miller saved his life by jumping from the second story of the burning house.

Harvest in Hanover.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ELLERSBURG, VA., July 6.—Threshing has commenced, but wheat is of very poor quality and the yield is small. Not more than half a crop will be made. Farm labor is very scarce and the farmers are much behind in their work, owing in part to the excessive rain-fall of the season. The corn crop is turning yellow in some places and the tomato crop will be short. Sweet potatoes are, however, looking unusually well.

The hay crop this year was good, especially clover, but much has been lost or injured as there has not been sufficient dry weather for curing hay.

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THE NEWS AT CHESTER

More People Riding on the Cars—Personal Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTER, VA., July 6.—The Richmond and Petersburg electric cars that pass through this place are being patronized by a large number of people. It is a deep interest in the rights of both sides to this controversy, and a great relief and satisfaction at the breaking of peace and good order, and the cost of soldiers and blood on account of the lawless. The people highly commend the faithfulness and patriotism of Sheriff W. C. Gill, of this county, and knowing his record as a Confederate veteran, believe he has the courage and fidelity to preserve the good name of Chesterfield at any cost, on the side of law and order.

Mr. H. D. Eichelberger and wife made a flying trip to their home here from Baltimore last week to make arrangements for the occupancy of their home for a few months, and returned on Saturday. They will stop for the summer near Baltimore.

Mr. T. R. Friend and Mr. C.